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Mid-Cities Commodore Club
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The attendance at the January meeting was terrific and from the comments I received, everyone seemed to enjoy it. My thanks to all the people who contributed to the success of the meeting, especially the businesses who gave their time on a busy Saturday to participate in the meeting.

A number of positive changes are taking place in your club. The chapters of the MCCC will be having their organizational meeting on February 18, and the elections for officers will be held at that time. Several people have volunteered to help in their chapters, but there are still important positions which need to be filled. If you would like to be active in the leadership of your chapter, please volunteer! Contact these people for information:

Arl Francine Wharton	467-7559
HEB Garry Wordleman	281-7457
WFW Larry Wiest	927-8301

Planning has already begun for the April 21st quarterly meeting of the entire club. If you have a suggestion for a short workshop topic that would be of interest to the members contact Ken Widner at 924-8948.

Our librarians have told me that they are going to be increasing the number of copy requests per member per month as you will see in this newsletter.

Our first quarterly Master Programmer's Contest is being announced and you will find details and an entry form in this issue. I encourage all of you to participate as we are sponsoring this activity for the fun and enjoyment of our members.

Diane Dews

BOARD MEETING

The February Board of Directors meeting was held February 4 at the Hurst Recreation Center. President Diane Dews called the meeting to order and welcomed 14 visitors.

The first item on the agenda concerned incorporation. Mike Cramer reported that the club currently is in a partnership status. If for some reason the club were to be sued, all members would be liable. The benefits to incorporating are numerous. Mike estimated that the filing fees for incorporating as a not-for-profit organization would be not more than \$450. Ken Widner made a motion that we present to the membership a proposal to spend not more than \$450 to incorporate. The motion was approved by the Board. Garry Wordelman then noted that we should also look into liability insurance. The Board will investigate this and report back at the March 3 meeting.

It was suggested that at the April club meeting we have a series of short courses available as we did last year. Diane announced that the MCCC will have a table set up at the TCJC Computer Fair on Thursday, February 9, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Treasurer Bruce Nelson reported that the effective balance of the club treasury stands at \$3,892. He also announced that the price of diskettes which the club sells will go up \$2 a box to help cover the costs of incorporating.

There was a general discussion of bulk purchases by the club for items such as printer paper and mailers. The Board also discussed various procedures for the librarians and decided to adopt a rate structure as proposed by Leonard Parker. Each of the board members signed a copy of the constitution and the meeting adjourned to discuss formation of the new chapters.

CLUB NEWS

The club is in need of a Certified Public Accountant to help Bruce Nelson prepare the club's tax return.

We are looking for ideas and volunteers for workshop topics for the next MCCC meeting in April.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held March 3 at the Hurst Recreation Center on Mary Drive at 10 AM. Members are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in working with COBOL please call Gary Blocker at 838-6252.

The deadline for articles, want ads, news items, etc. will always be day following the Board of Directors meeting. We are happy to include any items of interest, as space allows. The deadline for next month will be March 4.

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NEW LIBRARY RULES

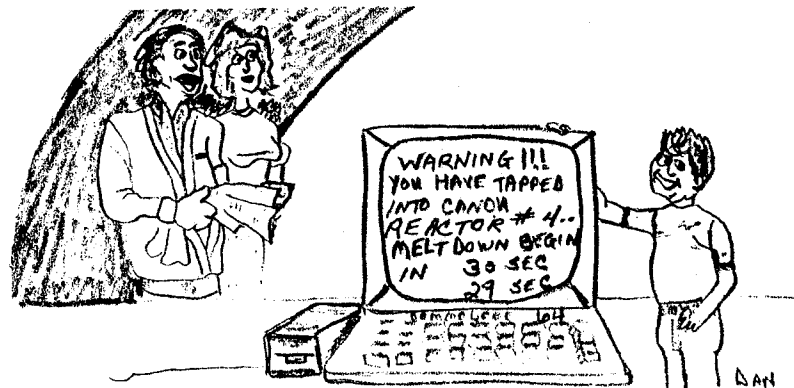
Leonard Parker and Jesse Cardin, MCCC Librarians, announced that the new double disk drive will allow members to double their monthly orders of library disks. The previous limit of two disks per month has been raised to four. Chapter librarians will have a complete copy of library programs at chapter meetings. Mail order costs are listed in the following chart.

	C O S T			
Number of Disks	1	2	3	4
Postage Only	.60	.60	.75	1.00
Postage & Mailer	1.60	1.60	1.75	2.00
Postage/Mailer/Disk	3.50	5.50	7.75	10.00
Disk Only	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00

Club members are encouraged to copy disks from friends as well as from the club library.

ARLINGTON PROGRAM

In addition to the regular business of electing officers, the Arlington chapter will host Ted Rockwell, CPA, and Carlos Quinonez who will present "Supertax In Action." This program will print on the IRS form. Supertax III will be available to members at a discounted price at this meeting.



"I'm glad we've found something that keeps him off the streets."
NOW/DEC. TORPET '83

DISK I/O DEFAULT

BY GARRY WORDELMAN

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4 REM *****
6 REM ** DISK I/O DEFAULT ROUTINE **
8 REM ** FROM GAZETTE NOV, 1983 **
10 REM ** BY G WORDELMAN - JAN 1983 **
12 REM *****
15 PRINT "J":I=679
20 READ A:IF A=256 THEN1000
30 POKE I,A:I=I+1:GOTO20
679 DATA 169,188,141,48,3,169,2
686 DATA 141,49,3,169,195,141,50
693 DATA 3,169,2,141,51,3,96
700 DATA 162,8,134,186,76,165,244
707 DATA 162,8,134,186,76,237,245,256
1000 PRINT "DISK DEFaulTER ACTIVATED"
1010 PRINT "USE RUN/STOP RESTORE TO DEACTIVATE"
1020 PRINT "TYPE 'SYS679' TO REACTIVATE"
1030 SYS679
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GEMINI 10X PRINTER CODES

By STEVE STOCKDALE

This list of GEMINI 10X codes is, obviously, for the GEMINI 10X. However, if you have a different printer you might still learn how to use the similar codes for your printer. The first column lists the function and the second lists the character string (CHR\$) codes which have to be sent to get the desired function. The list contains what I believe to be the most useful codes. If you aren't familiar with these, note the following points.

1. The codes should be sent to the printer after the printer channel is opened. Use the PRINT command. For example, to set up your printer with pica pitch (10 char/inch), emphasized mode, left margin of 10 and right margin of 70, do this (with a RETURN after each):

Open Channel	OPEN 4,4:CMD 4
Set Pitch	PRINT CHR\$(27)CHR\$(66)CHR\$(1)
Emphasized Mode	PRINT CHR\$(27)CHR\$(69)
Lt Margin	PRINT CHR\$(27)CHR\$(77)CHR\$(10)
Rt Margin	PRINT CHR\$(27)CHR\$(81)CHR\$(70)

2. CHR\$(27) is referred to as the ESCape code. This code is to be sent prior to many of the printer codes.
3. Some of the functions require you to enter variable parameters. To set the number of lines per page, length of page in inches, vertical or horizontal tabs, and left and right margins, you must enter the desired values after the appropriate CHR\$ codes. (See the previous example for margins.)
4. If you are writing a program and know you'll be using some printer codes quite a bit, it's a good technique to define the CHR\$ codes you'll be using early in the program.

LF\$=CHR\$(10) (Line Feed)
 EO\$=CHR\$(27)+CHR\$(69) (Emphasize ON)
 EF\$=CHR\$(27)+CHR\$(70) (EmphasizeOFF)
 TB\$=CHR\$(9) (Horizontal Feed)

Later in your program (after you've opened the printer channel), all you'll need to do to send a line feed is: PRINT LF\$.

- Remember that when you send a code to the printer, the printer will remain in that configuration until a different code is sent which cancels the previous code or until the printer is turned off. For example, say you want to list a favorite program on half a sheet of paper with 12 characters/inch. You would load the program into memory, then, in direct mode, type in:

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OPEN 4,4:CMD 4 (Open Printer)
PRINT CHR$(27)CHR$(66)CHR$(2) (12 char/inch)
PRINT CHR$(27)CHR$(81)CHR$(48) (Rt margin 48)
LIST
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The program listing would then print out on the printer. When complete, you'd want to re-configure the printer back to its default settings and close the printer channel:

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PRINT CHR$(27)CHR$(66)CHR$(1) (10 char/inch)
PRINT CHR$(27)CHR$(81)CHR$(80) (Rt margin 80)
PRINT#4:CLOSE4
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- There are other printer codes in your printer manual. Play around with them so that you'll be in control of your printer - not vice-versa.

Editor's Note

If you find that this procedure does not work for you, check the manual for the interface that you are using. If you are using "The Connection" (a parallel interface) by Tymac, you will need to use a secondary address in your open statement. Type - OPEN 4,4,6:CMD 4 - and your printer will do precisely what Steve has indicated.

I was also pleased to find out that this procedure works beautifully with a word processor. Simply set up the printer to your specifications and then load in the word processor.

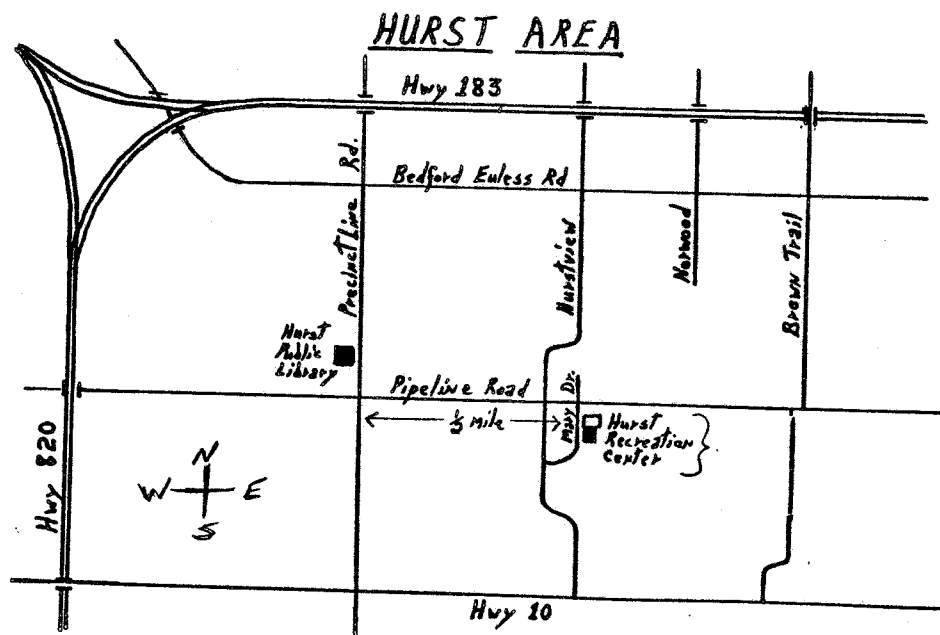
GEMINI 10X PRINTER CODES

FUNCTION	CHR\$()
Standard ASCII Set	27,53
Italic ASCII Set	27,52
Pica (10 char/inch)	27,66,1
Elite (12 char/inch)	27,66,2
Condensed (17 char/inch)	27,66,3
Enlarged	27,87,1
Normal	27,87,0
Double-strike	27,71
Cancel double-strike	27,72
Emphasized	27,69
Cancel emphasized	27,70
Underline	27,45,1
Cancel underline	27,45,0
Superscript	27,83,0
Subscript	27,83,1
Cancel super/subscript	27,84
Uni-directional print	27,85,1
Bi-directional print	27,85,0
Line Feed	10
Form Feed	12
Page length in lines	27,6,n
Page length in inches	27,67,0,n
Change line location	27,82,n
Skip over perforation	27,78,n
Cancel skip over	27,79
Next vertical tab	11
Change vertical tab	27,80,n,n...0
One-time vertical tab	27,97,n
Return to home (left)	13
Set left margin	27,77,n
Set right margin	27,81,n
Next horizontal tab	9
Set new horiz tab stops	27,68,n,n...0
Set one-time tab stop	27,98,n
Move head back one space	8
Set line feed to 1/8 inch	27,48
Line feed normal (1/6 inch)	27,50
(n indicates a variable value)	

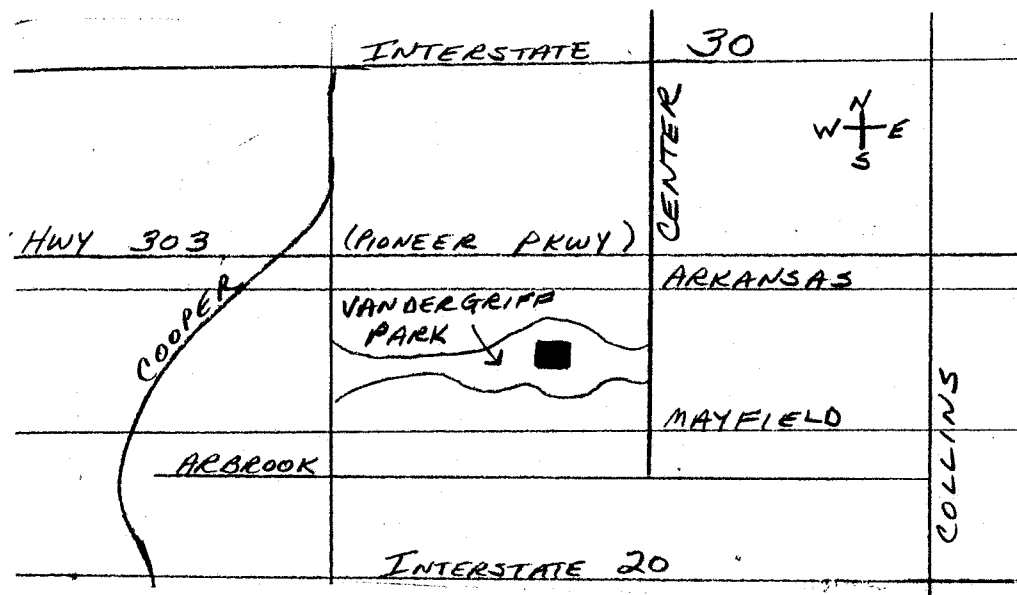
FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Mid-Cities Commodore Club Chapter meetings will be held Saturday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the following locations. These chapters are being formed so that the 300-plus members may meet closer to their homes and so that individual attention may be obtained as a result of smaller group meetings.

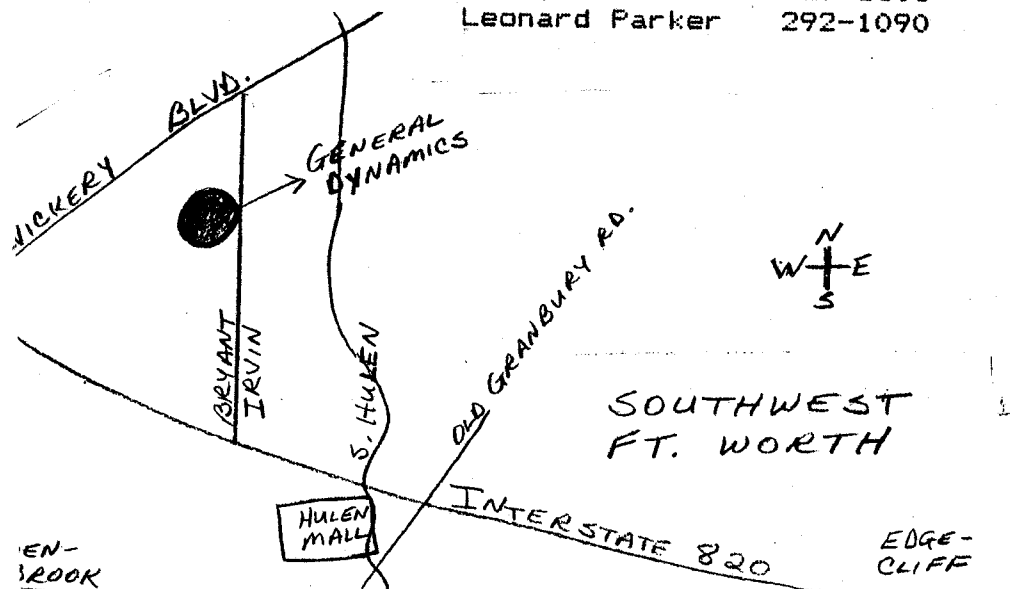
Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chapter
Hurst Public Library - Meeting Room
901 Precinct Line Road
Information: Garry Wordelman 281-7457
Bruce Nelson 498-0899



Arlington Chapter
Arlington Community Center - Art Room
(in Vandergriff Park)
2800 South Center Street
Information: Francine Wharton 467-7559
Bill Raecke 465-2014



West Fort Worth Chapter
General Dynamics Recreation Area
Club House
(North of Ft. Worth Country Day School)
3400 Bryant Irvin Road
Information: Larry Wiest 927-8301
Leonard Parker 292-1090



JANUARY MINUTES

The January meeting of the MCCC was called to order by President Diane Dews. After welcoming everyone to the first meeting of the year for the full club, Diane called on Treasurer Bruce Nelson for his report. Bruce stated that, after purchasing a printer for the newsletter, an MSD dual disk drive for the librarian, and expenses for December, the club has a balance of about \$2400. The membership stands at 220, of which 42 are new members and the rest are renewals. (As of press time, total membership is up to 295.)

Secretary Steve Stockdale read the minutes of the December meeting for approval. Librarian Leonard Parker gave a brief description of how the library works. Past President Garry Wordelman announced that the West Fort Worth, Arlington and HEB chapters had been approved by the Board of Directors, and that beginning in February the chapters would be meeting on their own.

After the question and answer period, the various dealers who were present for the Open House briefly described their services. Represented were Microworks, Byteworks, Babbage's Software, MSD, StarText, Metroplex Computers, Computer Information Systems, Barry's Computers and Close Enterprises.

Diane then adjourned the meeting so that members could exchange software and meet the dealers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE : Commodore 1525 PRINTER - \$210.00 and Amdek Color MONITOR - \$240.00. Call Barbara or Brian Foley (817) 498-6305.

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927-8301

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WANTED TO TRADE : I would like to trade VIC 20 " MISSION IMPOSSIBLE " adventure game (cartridge) with any other adventure game, tape or cartridge. Call Scott Boyd (817) 473-4138 after 6 pm.

NEEDED : Someone willing to bring a TV or monitor to the Arlington chapter meeting in February. I will bring my VIC 20 but cannot move the family TV! Call Scott Boyd (817) 473-4138 after 6 pm.

AUTO LINE NUMBER

BY GARRY WORDELMAN

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3 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
4 REM XX AUTO LINE NUMBER ROUTINE XX
5 REM XX FROM GAZETTE FEB 1984 XX
6 REM XX REVISED BY G WORDELMAN XX
7 REM XX FOR MCCC JAN 10 1984 XX
8 REM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
9 REM
10 CLR:PRINT "AUTO LINE NUMBER ROUTINE"
20 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER BEGINNING LINE NUMBER"
30 INPUT" DEFAULT IS 100 ";B1:PRINT
35 IF B1=0 THEN B1=100
40 PRINT"ENTER DESIRED LINE INCREMENT"
50 INPUT" DEFAULT IS 10";L1:PRINT
55 IF L1=0 THEN L1=10
55 B1=B1-L1
60 B2=INT(B1/256):R1=B1-(B2*256)
70 X=49152
71 READ Y:IF Y=-1 THEN 73
72 POKE X,Y:X=X+1:Z=Z+Y:GOTO 71
73 A$ = "ERROR IN DATA STATEMENTS"
75 IF Z<>12374 THENPRINT A$: END
80 POKE 251,R1:POKE 252,B2:POKE 49179,I1
90 SYS49160: NEW: END
100 DATA 169,90,133,251,169,0,133,252,169
105 DATA 19,141,2,3,169,192,141,3,3,96,32,25
110 DATA 192,76,134,164,24,169,10,101,251
115 DATA 133,251,144,2,230,252,165,251,133,99
120 DATA 165,252,133,98,162,144,56,32,73,188
125 DATA 32,221,189,162,0,189,1,1,240,9,32
130 DATA 210,255,157,0,2,232,208,242,32,18
135 DATA 225,201,13,240,3,76,105,165,56,165
140 DATA 251,233,20,176,2,199,252,169,131,141
145 DATA 2,3,169,164,141,3,3,76,119,165,-1
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MASTER PROGRAMMER'S

CONTEST

DON'T FORGET

We wish to announce our club's first programmer's contest which will become a quarterly event. For our premiere contest the subject will be GAMES and will be open to all members.

If you would like to have the title of " Master Programmer ", this is the chance you have been waiting for. The rules are simple.

1. Your program must be original.
2. You must agree to make the program public domain.
3. You must be a member of the Mid-Cities Commodore Club.
4. Your program must be submitted on disk or cassette by April 2, 1984. (Your disk or cassette will be returned to you after the contest.)

Prizes will be awarded in two categories - Youth (age 16 and younger) and Open (any member regardless of age.)

To MCCC,

Please accept this original program as my entry in the first quarterly Master Programmer's Contest. I understand that it will become public domain and that the decision of the judges is final.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____
